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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 26, 2006, applicants elect claims 1-72 of Group I, without traverse.

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